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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Arnold et al.

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For: **TELEPHONIC APPARATUS WITH
AUTOMATIC AREA CODE
DIALING CAPABILITY
RESPONSIVE TO DIALING KEY
OPERATION**

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Examiner: R. Barnie

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Dear Sir:

This letter is responsive to the Final Office Action dated January 5, 2004.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-48 as being obvious under 35 U.S.C. §103, using U.S. Patent Nos. 6,643,369 ("DiMarco") and 6,192,124 ("Yim") as primary and secondary references. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection, since neither of DiMarco and Yim disclose, teach, or suggest the claimed invention.

In particular, independent claims 1, 18, 31, and 45 require that the selected area code be recalled in response to the entry of the local phone number. In contrast, the device of DiMarco only

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In particular, independent claims 1, 18, 31, and 45 require that the selected area code be recalled in response to the entry of the local phone number. In contrast, the device of DiMarco only recalls the selected area code in response to the depression of an area code selector button 106, after which the local phone number is then dialed. See col. 6, lines 25-33. Thus, DiMarco does not recall the area code in response to entry of the local phone number. The device of Yim recalls the selected area code in response to an off-hook signal. (col. 4, lines 52-65). The Yim device does not recall the area code in response to the entry of a local phone number.

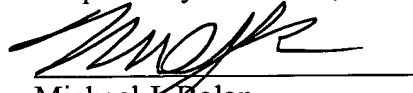
As such, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdrawal the rejections of claims 1-48 based on DiMarco and Yim.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding this amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (714) 830-0600 or (949) 725-0089.

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